

# Meth, The New Crime Wave

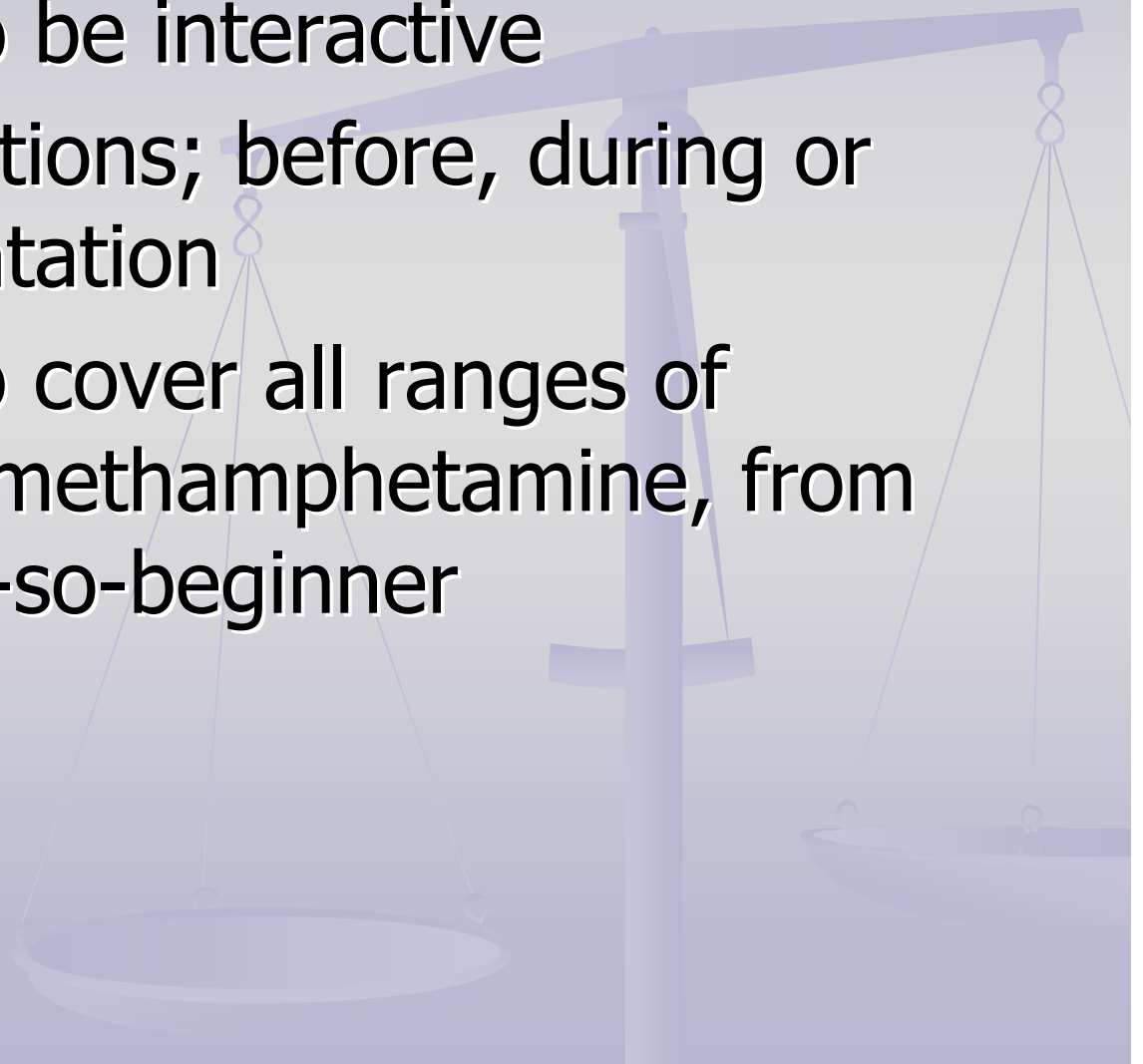
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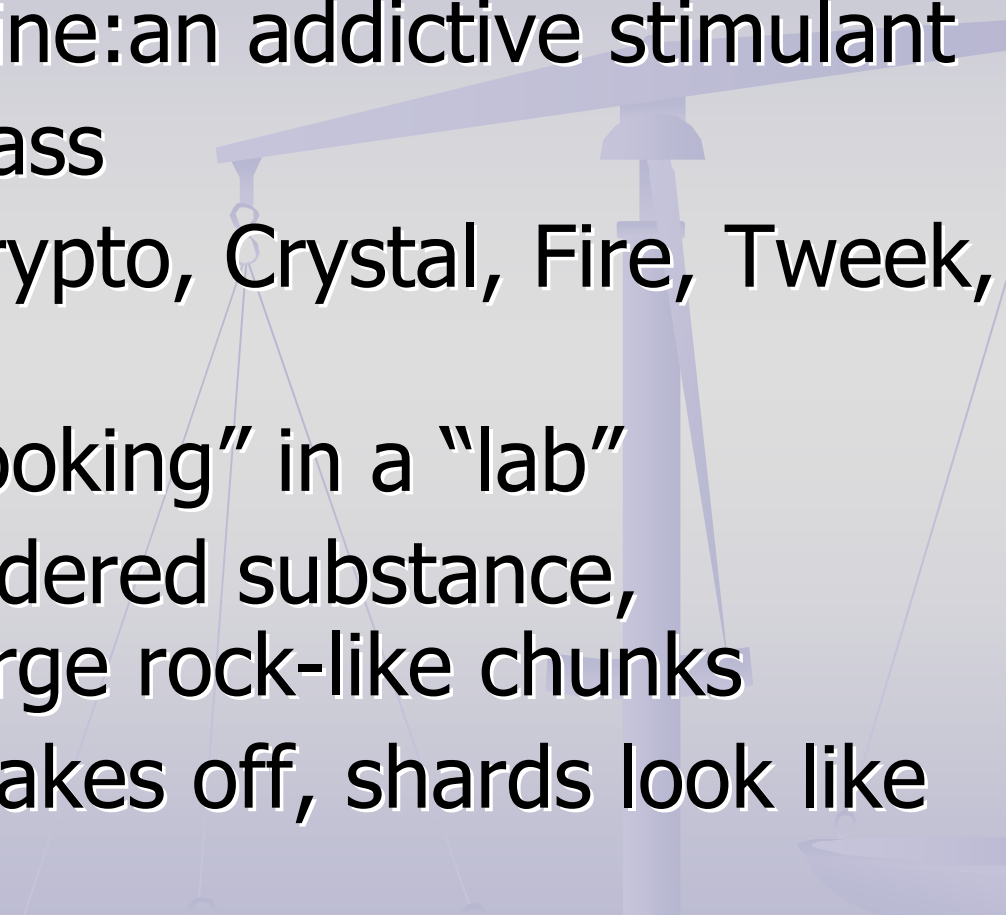
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# There are NO stupid questions

- This is meant to be interactive
- Please ask questions; before, during or after the presentation
- This is meant to cover all ranges of familiarity with methamphetamine, from beginner to not-so-beginner

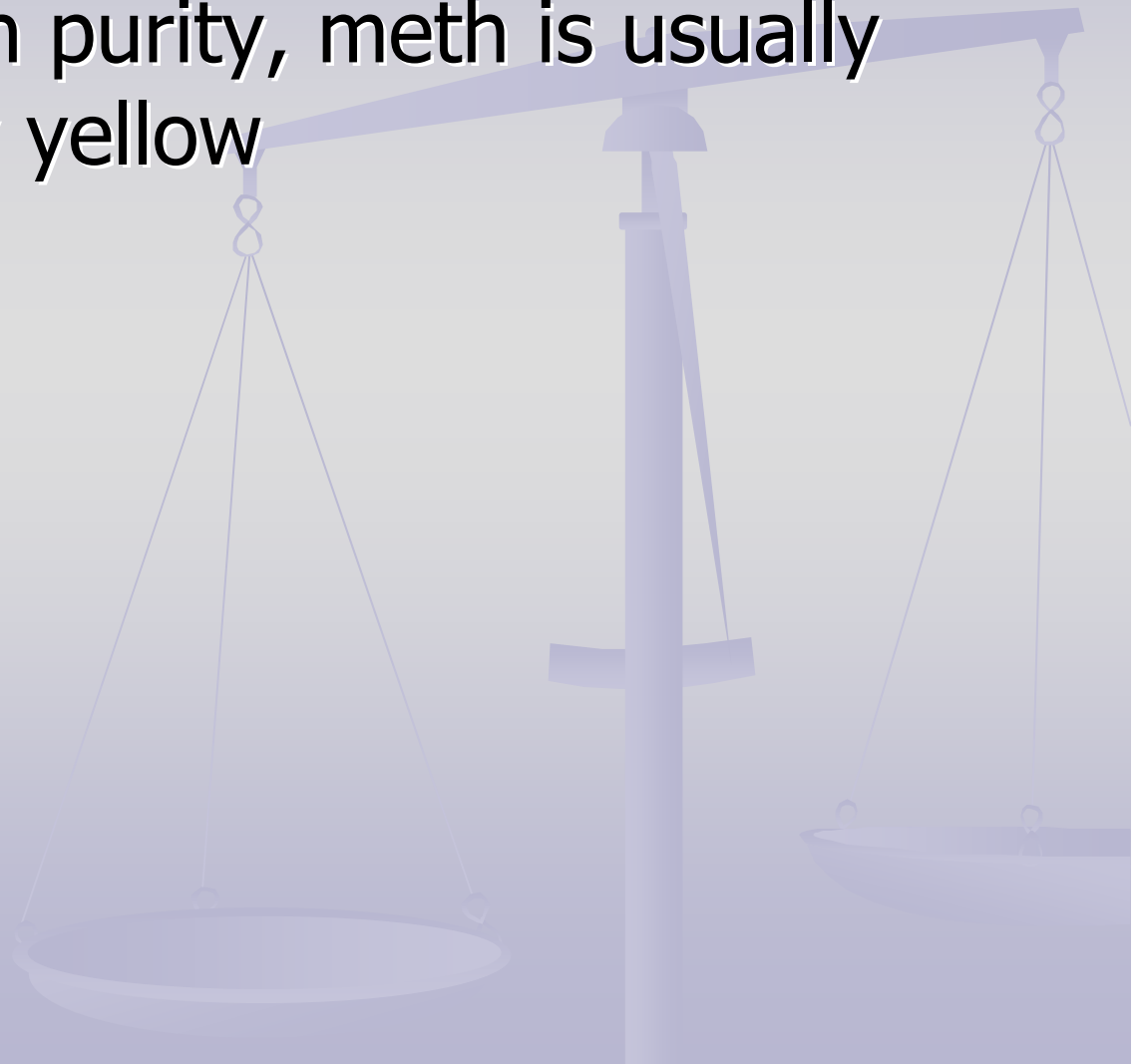


# What is “Meth”?

- Methamphetamine:an addictive stimulant
  - Crank, Meth, Glass
  - Chalk, Croak, Crypto, Crystal, Fire, Tweek, White Cross
  - Produced by “cooking” in a “lab”
  - Crystal-like powdered substance, sometimes in large rock-like chunks
  - When powder flakes off, shards look like glass
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# How is Meth used?

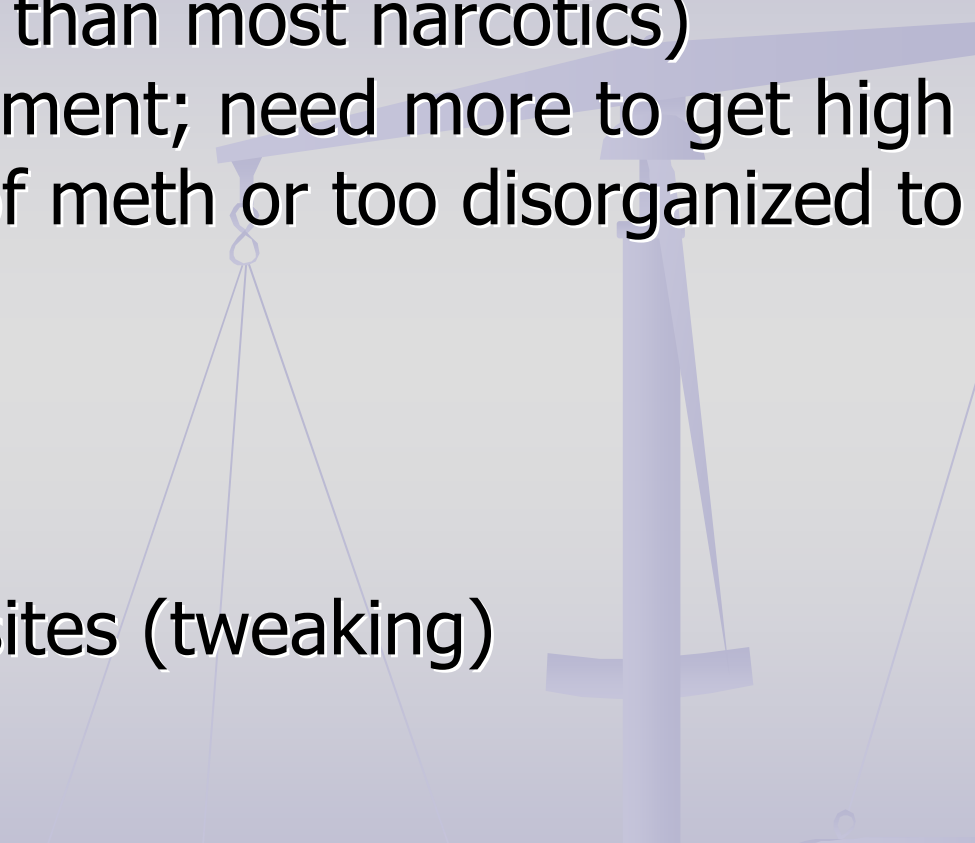
- Depending upon purity, meth is usually white or slightly yellow
- Can be taken:
  - Orally
  - Injected
  - Snorted
  - Smoked



# Short-term effects?

- Smoking or injection-"Rush" or "Flash"; short-lasting, intense sensation; very pleasurable
- Snorting or Swallowing-Euphoric high, not necessarily a rush.
- Other: Post-rush→high state of agitation. Wakefulness. Decreased appetite (Jenny Crank). Aggression/anxiety. Nervousness, convulsions and heart attack.

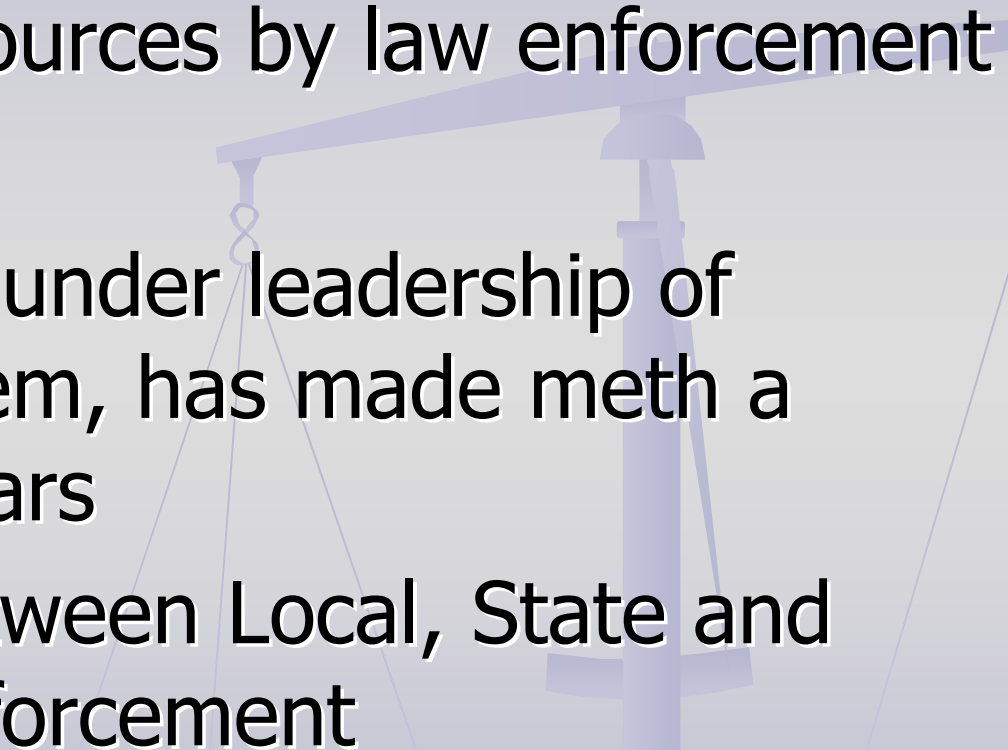
# Long-term effects?

- Addiction (quicker than most narcotics)
  - Tolerance development; need more to get high
  - Binging until out of meth or too disorganized to continue using
  - Paranoia
  - Hallucinations
  - OCD
  - Delusions of parasites (tweaking)
  - Psychosis
  - Stroke/death
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# How to cook meth

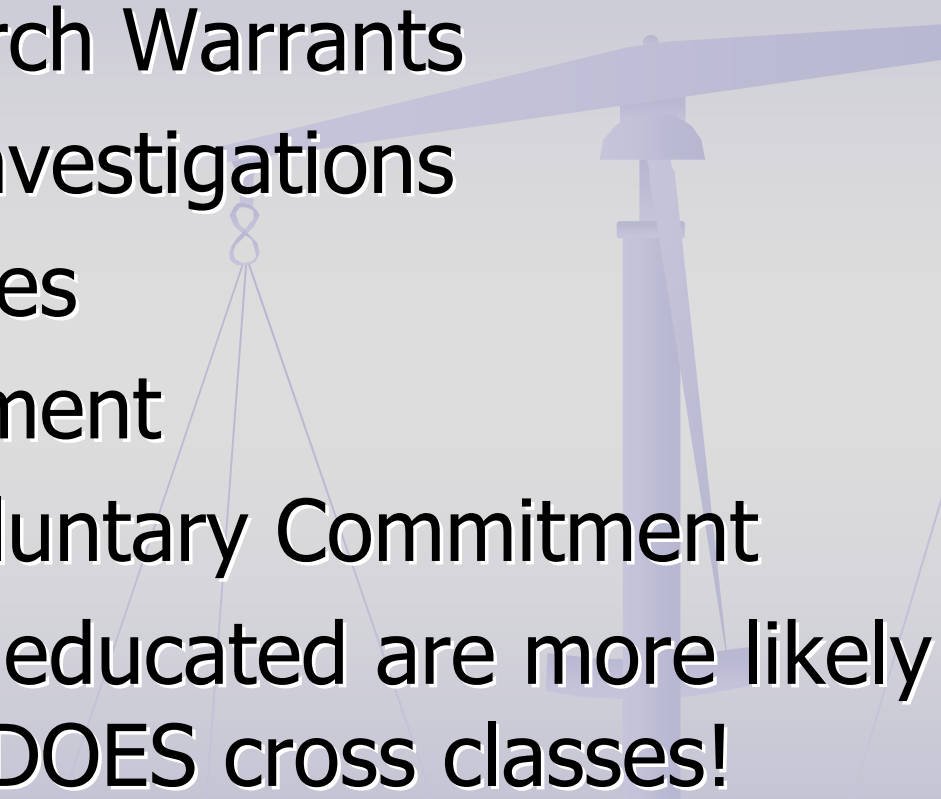
- Google Search on "how to cook meth"
- 629,000 in .07 seconds
- Pseudoephedrine, (found in over-the-counter cold medication), hydrochloric acid, drain cleaner, lithium batteries, ammonia, coffee filters, iodine, matches, acetone, toluene and other types of paint thinners.

# What's being done about it?

- Devotion of resources by law enforcement
  - HIDTA
  - ND AG's Office, under leadership of Wayne Stenehjem, has made meth a priority for 5 years
  - Cooperation between Local, State and Federal Law Enforcement
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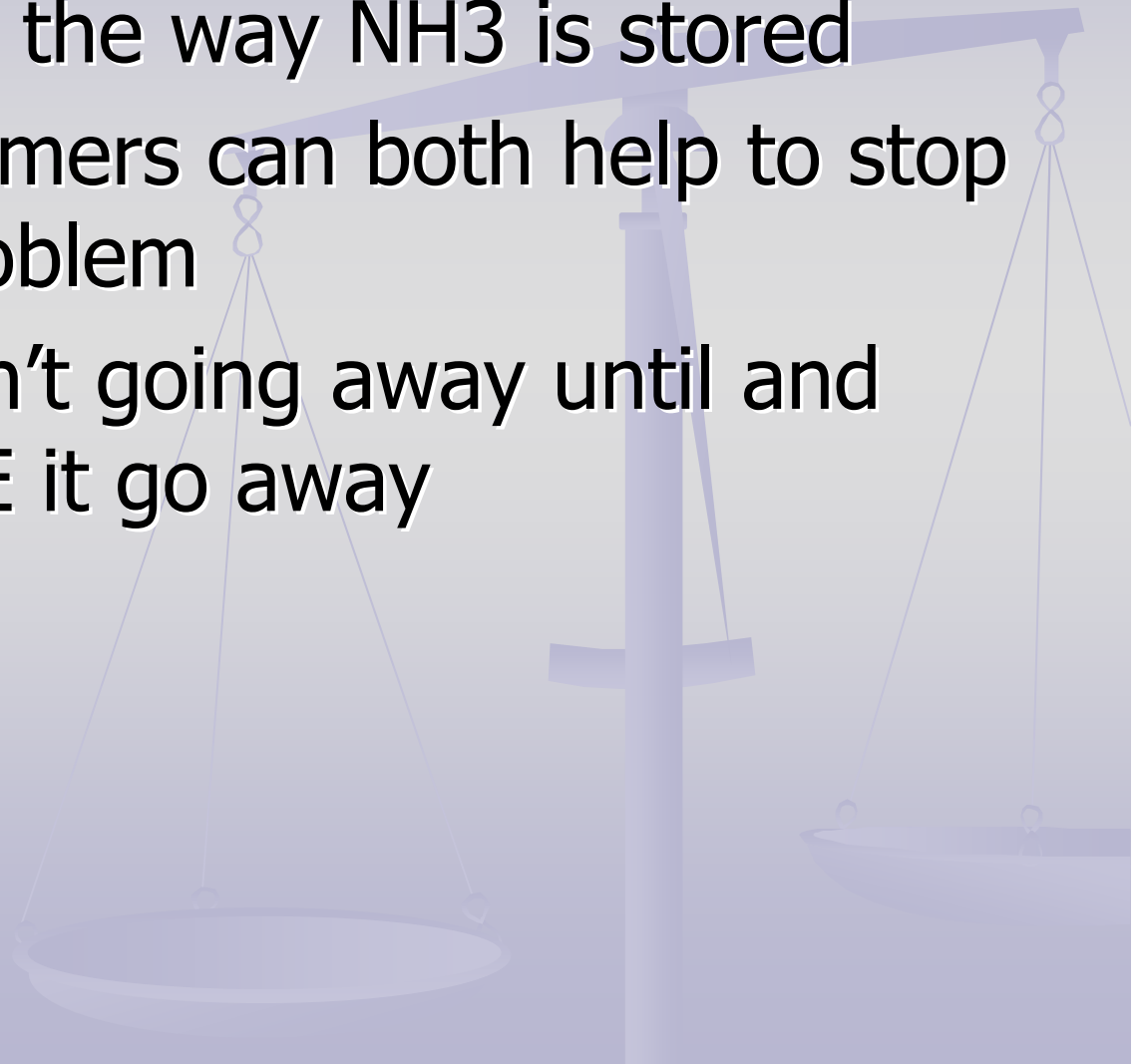


# What are ND State's Attorneys seeing?

- Increase in Search Warrants
  - State/Federal Investigations
  - Attacking Families
  - Child Endangerment
  - MH Issues/Involuntary Commitment
  - In general, less educated are more likely to use it, but it DOES cross classes!
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# Anhydrous Theft

- Need to change the way NH<sub>3</sub> is stored
- Dealers and Farmers can both help to stop this growing problem
- This problem isn't going away until and unless we MAKE it go away



# Dealers

- Inform employees and customers of theft issues
- Store nurse tanks in a well-lighted area
- Store tanks with flow valves facing towards the drive lane to expedite dealer visual inspections
- Inspect the tanks visually first thing in the AM, and on weekends.
- During off-season, remove hoses and store them separately. The hose itself contains enough NH<sub>3</sub> to make meth.
- Block the driveway with a gate or barricade to complicate the physical theft of a tank.
- Place brightly colored plastic wire ties or seals between the valve wheel and the roll cage to ease visual checks
- Know your inventory. Record stored nurse tanks by ID # and estimate remaining NH<sub>3</sub> by weight.
- Look for atypical buyers.
- Develop a relationship with law enforcement

# Farmers

- Deliver tanks to farms as close to the time of actual application as possible
- Position delivered tanks in open areas visible from the roadway, so that would-be thieves are at a disadvantage (\*Special Welte Notice\*)
- Encourage producers to return tanks immediately after use (keeps out the riff raff)
- Discourage temporary storage of nurse tanks and tool bars inside of buildings or near the farmhouse or livestock confinements
- Encourage producers to relieve pressure with the bleed valve and then remove hoses between the tool bars and nurse tanks when left in the field overnight
- Inspect each nurse tank upon delivery and return for signs of tampering
- Develop a relationship with law enforcement
- Ask special guests to speak at the annual township meeting

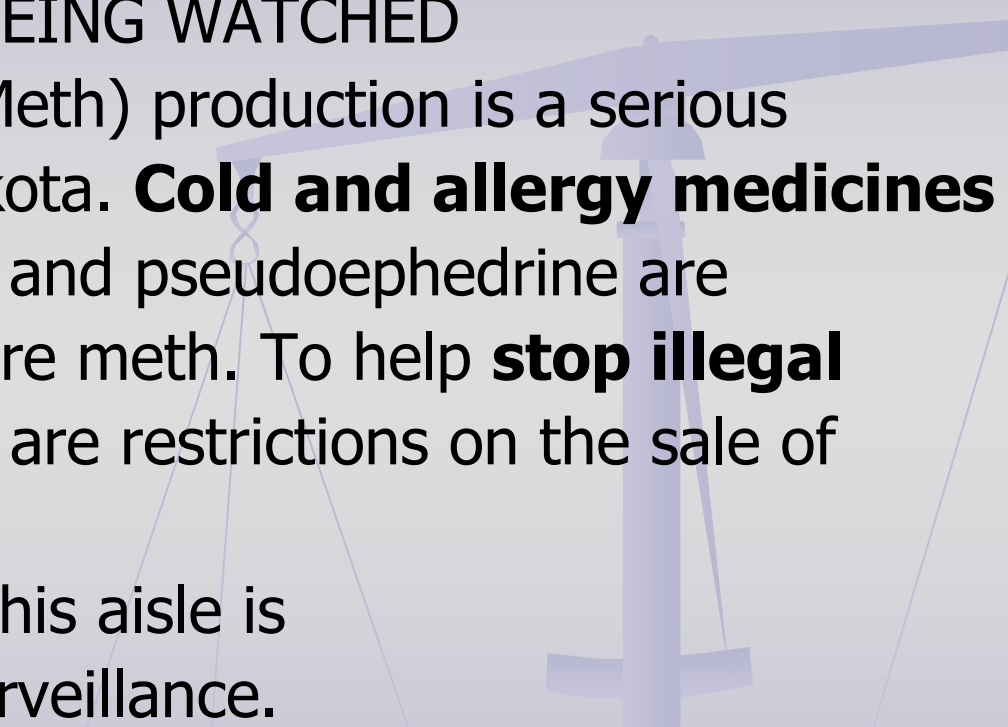
# Top ten list of things to encourage meth cooking in your rural area

- 10. Don't ask law enforcement to speak to your group or, even better, to you individually.
- 9. Ignore bags of litter at the side of the road. Empty packs of Sudafed are biodegradable.
- 8. If there are strange vehicles roaming in your neck of the woods, don't wave to them or stop to talk to them.
- 7. Late night parties at abandoned farmsteads? NO PROBLEM!
- 7a. If you are a landlord, and your renter is willing to pay exorbitant rent—in cash—ask them if they have friends or relatives who may wish to rent, too!
- 6. If remote farmsteads have no activity during the day and gobs of activity at night, don't worry. A family of bats has probably moved in.

# Top ten list, continued

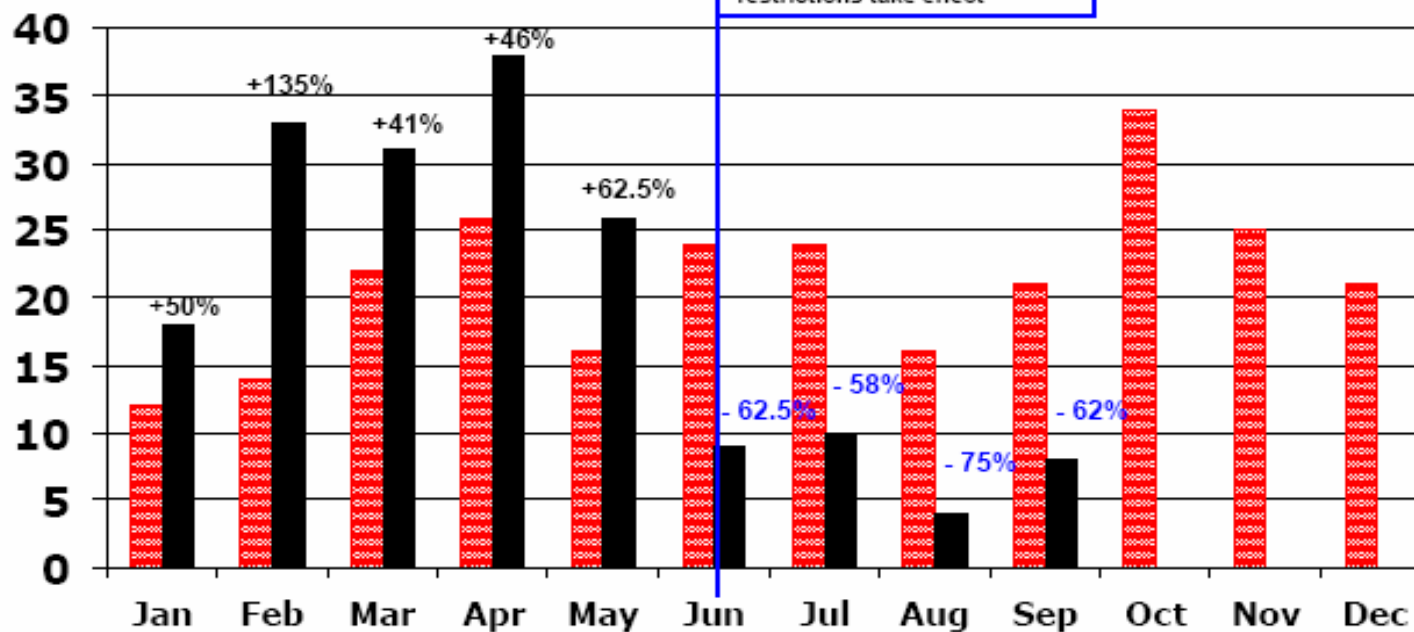
- 5. Don't use the internet to find resources. They might get access to all of your bank accounts.
- 4. Be sure not to ask your elected officials to come and educate your service club. They don't want your vote.
- 3. Smelly, angry, rotten-toothed, scabby ne'er-do-wells are probably just disgruntled attorneys. Leave 'em alone, or they'll bill you for something.
- 2. Kids know nothing. Don't ask THEM what's going on!
- 1. If you've seen any of the above, do nothing. It is too late and nothing you do can change it.

# Model Surveillance Notice

- NOTICE - YOU ARE BEING WATCHED
  - Methamphetamine (Meth) production is a serious
  - problem in North Dakota. **Cold and allergy medicines**
  - containing ephedrine and pseudoephedrine are
  - needed to manufacture meth. To help **stop illegal**
  - **drug activity**, there are restrictions on the sale of
  - these products.
  - For your protection, this aisle is
  - under taped video surveillance.
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## State of North Dakota

# of Meth Labs



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	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2004	12	14	22	26	16	24	24	16	21	34	25	21
2005	18	33	31	38	26	9	10	4	8			



# Other Issues

- State/Federal Issues
- Transition

